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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name: Community Health Worker Advisory Workgroup

Meeting Location: DPH Conference Suite C

Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, November 28th 2018 at 1:30 PM

Present: Laura Eirich, Bev Beckman, Bonita Bobo, Gina Brien, Julie Brooks, Shelly Canada, Cara Castleberry, Tracy Diers, Barb Locker, Sue Thomas-Cox, Angela McGuire, Tracey Sparks, April Thomas, Karen Cinnamond

Via phone: Fran Feltner, Liz Edghill, Janet Kegley, Leslie Yagel, Sara Bowling, Sandra Duverge, Brian Daly, Diane Sprowl, Mace Baker, Mary Hieatt, Stephanie Stewart, Brian Holden

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, and each person introduced themselves.

Item 2: Meeting Minutes Review

Laura asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meeting. There were no changes or corrections.

Item 3: Sub-Committee Reports

Certification: Laura reported for the certification sub-committee. The certification manual has been approved by Sue Thomas-Cox the Branch Manager, Devon McFadden the Division Director, and Dr. White, the Sr. Deputy Commissioner. Laura stated that she is in the process of making the changes/updates from Dr. White, and from there it will be sent to Dr. Howard and the legal team for review.

Evaluation and Outcomes: Bev Beckman reported for the evaluation sub-committee. She stated that we are excited to have Karen Cinnamond from CHES solutions on the sub-committee. The group is currently discussing the possibility of using the Health Impact Statement format to obtain outcomes information from CHW programs. The group is also discussing the possibility of incorporating requirements into future regulation.

Curriculum: Laura reported for the curriculum sub-committee. The sub-committee met prior to the large group meeting and is in the process of reviewing the draft curriculum rubric. The group reviewed competency 1 and 2. They hope to have a final document to present by spring.

Medicaid Project Information

Laura provided an update regarding the ongoing dialogue between the Community Health Worker Program, KDPH Commissioner's office and the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) Commissioner's office. The Indiana State Plan Amendment was provided to DMS for review and consideration. Indiana is currently reimbursing for their fee-for-service patients only. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled.

Item 4: ASTHO Project Update:

Laura reported that they are in the process of planning a half-day site visit via Zoom on Friday, December 14th. The topics we will be discussing include Medicaid and other financing options, as well as regulation. More information will be shared once the details are set.

Item 5: KYACHW Report

Angela McGuire reported on behalf of KYACHW. At this time, there are 214 paid members, and there were 143 at this time last year. The September annual conference was a big success and the conference planning committee has started to meet for next year's conference. More information will be shared as it is available.

Item 6: Program Reports

Cara Castleberry from Barren River District Health Department gave a presentation about their Community Health Management program. The program teaches patients how to manage their chronic disease and focuses on reducing hospital and ED admissions related to diabetes, COPD and/or heart failure. The power point presentation is attached.

Shelly Canada volunteered the Kentucky Environmental Health Tracking Network to present at the January meeting.

Item 7: Resources, Request, and Sharing

- Tracy Diers shared information regarding a caregiver intervention study. Laura agreed to send out the flyer to the group.
- Sue Thomas-Cox announced that Laura Eirich, Cara Castleberry, Bev Beckman, Mace Baker, Janet Kegley and Jan Chamness are all presenting at the upcoming Kentucky Diabetes Network meeting on December 7th.
- Mace Baker announced that Kentucky Homeplace is hosting a CHW training on December 10 and 11 and December 17 and 18.

- Sue Thomas-Cox announced that the National CHW Unity Conference is April 14-17 in Las Vegas.
- Gina Brien announced that AKHCAN is hosting a CHW training in Corbin KY on January 15, 16, 31 and February 1st.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 28th at 1:30 PM at the Kentucky Department for Public Health at 1:30 PM EST.